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- 1- An apparatus for processing information stored in a data carrier in which information can be stored in places defined by a first position indication and by at least a second position indication, comprising:
 - a carrier head for reading and/or writing data in said data carrier,
- 5 - control means for moving said carrier head in accordance with the positions, wherein said information stored in the data carrier is arranged in files and related sub-files such that at least a part of a file with its related sub-file is made accessible from said first position.
- 2- An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the data carrier is a removable one.
- 10 3- An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or 2 wherein the data carrier is an optical disc comprising at least two layers, the first position indication defining a location on the surface area of the disc and the second position indication defining the envisaged layer.
- 15 4- An apparatus as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 3, wherein means are provided for managing a defect in a file on the basis of other, related files.
- 5- A data carrier suitable for use in an apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or 2 or 3 or 4, comprising data organized in files and related sub-files such that at least a part of a file and its related sub-file are close together.
- 20 6- A data carrier as claimed in claim 5, constituted by an optical disc having at least two layers, wherein the files with their related sub-files are on different layers in the same locations of the disc.
- 7- A data carrier as claimed in claim 6, wherein the files and related sub-files are placed close together in one or a plurality of layers.
- 25 8- A method of storing a file with a plurality of related sub-files, comprising the steps of:
 - placing the file at a given location, and
 - placing the related sub-files close together.
- 9- An optical head suitable for an apparatus as claimed in claims 1 to 4.